REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending. By this amendment, the specification and claims 1, 10 and 15 are amended.

The Office Action objects to the drawings FIG. 3 is revised in the attached Request For Approval of Drawing Corrections to correct reference numerals 310 and 370. The specification has been revised to correct reference numeral 275 to reference numeral360 as shown in FIG. 2B. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 10, 15 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as over Peacock, U.S. Patent No. 6,381,650, rejects claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 16, 17, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Peacock in view of Sawyer et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,946,629, rejects claims 4, 5, 13, 18, 19, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) over Peacock in view of the Applicants Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), rejects claims 6-8, 14, 20-22 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Peacock in view of Gibbs, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,935, and rejects claims 9, 23, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Peacock in view of Gibbs, and further in view of AAPA. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 15 now recite each destination address including at least a carrier identifier. Carrier identifiers are used by entities such as mobile phone operators to identify the carrier, such as Sprint, MCI, etc. As explained in the Background section of the application, to send a text message to a text-capable mobile phone, many carrier operators require not only the telephone number, but also require a carrier identifier for that phone. The presently claimed invention send an availabilty request to each destination address, each destination address including at least a carrier identifier.

As admitted in the Office Action, Peacock does not disclose the destination address having a carrier identifier, but asserts that the AAPA disclose the carrier identifier, and that it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Peacock with the AAPA, to enhance the teachings of Peacock by providing a means for determining valid destination addresses in a mobile phone network. It is submitted that this combination can only be made with impermissible hindsight consideration of the present application, as further discussed below.

Peacock is directed to a method of locating a server program on a personal computer workstation that receives a dynamically allocated IP address. Because the server has a dynamically assigned IP address, the IP address will change, so Peacock's method attempts to find the server if the IP address has changed from what it was previously. See col. 2, line 9- col. 3, line 67. It is submitted that one of skill in the art would not use this method with mobile phones having carrier identification as taught in Applicants disclosure. Mobile phones at the time of the invention did not have dynamically assigned IP addresses, where one would look for a program stored on a mobile phone having such a dynamically assigned IP address. Peacock is specifically used to find programs stored on a server having such a dynamically assigned IP address. Accordingly, one of skill in the art would not have combined the method of Peacock of locating the dynamically assigned IP address of a server having a desired program with the use of a destination addresses including a carrier identification, as taught in Applicants' disclosure. The only motivation for the asserted combination is impermissible hindsight consideration of Applicants' disclosure.

For these reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the application are not obvious over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.
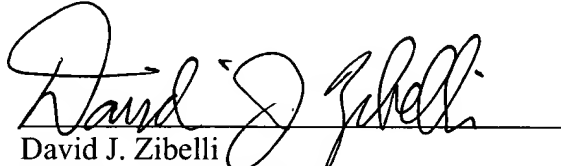
For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are requested.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 or 1.136 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 11-0600.

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Formatted Requested Address 310 / 300	Carrier Identifier 320	Network Identifier 330	Gateway Identifier 340	Device Identifier 350	Destination Country 360	Validity Indicator 370	Device Capabilities 380
408-555-1212	Sprint	PCS Wireless	ABC 123		USA	Unknown	120-character GUI
	Sprint	Sprint	XYZ 123	XXX-111	USA	Unknown	120-character GUI
	Sprint	MCI	MNO 111	XXX-111	USA	Invalid	
919-844-1212	India Telco	cellular GSM	IND 123	ZZZ-222	India	Valid	120-character GUI
301-555-1111	Bell Atlantic	wireless-BA	BEL 111	XYZ-1234	USA	Valid	100-character GUI
	MCI	pager	MCI 112	XYZ-1234	USA	Unknown	30-character GUI
jsmith@xyz.com	Internet	e-mail	XYZ 555		USA	Valid	Personal Computer GUI
jsmith	AOL	Instant Messaging ID	AOL 111		USA	Valid	Personal Computer GUI
number@pager.mirabis.com		Instant Messaging ICQ	ICQ 222		USA	Valid	
number@mobile.att.com	ICQ Network	wireless e-mail			USA	Valid	130-character GUI

Destination Address 300

FIG. 3